sawed" the game. The fact that all of

For weeks our town was flooded with

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An interesting episode in snake life took

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either dead or alive, that the average man or

woman wants, and some that none want

For a year or two Mr. Deane has had a vig

terday a small boy brought in a commor grass snake which he picked up over on the "island." Without much idea that the

black snake would eat his cousin, though

he had heard serpents were so villainous

he had neard serpents were so villatious, he had curiosity enough to try it, and slipped the fellow into the black snake's cage. For a time the smaller snake lay coiled up quietly at the side of the cage, and the blg fellow not only did not seem to notice him, but crawled carelessly over him once twice. This was in accordance with a

or twice. This was in accordance with a peculiarity noticed by Mr. Deane in feeding

peculiarity noticed by Mr. Deane in feeding him frogs. As long as the frogs sat quiet the snake would take no notice of them, but the instant they hopped, flash! would go his neck, and the poor animals would be doomed. So it was with the grass snake. He didn't seem to know a good thing when he had it, for by and by he became inquisitive concerning his new quarters, and stuck the bead to leak second.

tive concerning his new quarters, and stuck up his head to look around. That settled it, for almost as quickly as the eye could see the black snake had fixed his mouth around his room-mate's slender neck just behind the head. Then he began to work his jaws in a fashion peculiar to the snake. They are loose-actioned affairs, working in nearly every direction and unjointing if necessary. He wanted to get his victim so that he would go in head first for who ever heard of a

ne wanted to get his victim so that he would go in head first, for who ever heard of a snake crawling backward? So he kept hitching one side of his jaw and then the other till finally he got all ready to shut ap the telescope. When the two were precisely head-on the livit efellow began to disappear, westen taking him the

suction taking him in and crooked teeth preventing him from wriggling out.

But the little snake was gamy, and made his conqueror fight for his dinner. After about eight inches of him had disappeared head first, he evolved a plan to stop that method of procedure. He wrapped himself around the body of his host about four times and held on. In tain the black snake suck-ed: he was like the how that stood on the

appeared. The process of entombment oc

STUDY OF THE MOON.

Peculiarities Noted in Its Appearance at Different Sensons.

To the casual observer the motions of the

still appears to move backward, approach

servations on these various movements in-dicate to us the path which the moor

giant planets, perhaps, in a lesser degree, produces motions in the moon which may be summarized briefly as a combination of the six following movements: (1) Its revolution about the earth; (2) its revolution with the earth about the sun; (3) the vibrating eccentricity of itsporbit; (4) the slow direct rotation in the 'line of apsides;' (5) the retrograde rotation in the line of nodes, and (6) its rotation on its axis.

and (6) its rotation on its axis.

It would be proper to chlarge this "note" so as to give a full explanation of the causes of each of the above mentioned movements, but as each would require the use of scores of diagrams and technical phrases, such a feat cannot be attempted.

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Jimmy-"We're goin' to learn percentage

Jimmy-"What's percentage? Don't you know what they have for figurin' how the teams stand in the league?"

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Until last year this boy was remarkable only for his fiery red hair, the reddest ever seen on the head of a Casey, and for his freekles both large and numerous.

In August there was a hot wave. At the beginning of this wave Patsy Casey was five feet high and weighed 120 pounds. The intense heat made him grow like a tropical plant until no less than two months from the beginning of this spurt he is six feet two inches high and weighs 168 pounds.

His bones, formerly tough, are now so Patrick Casey, a young boy fifteen years

His bones, formerly tough, are now so oft they bend like whalebones. His muscles are soft and stringy. His teeth are loose and threaten to fall out at the slight-

est jar.

Patsey's bed fitted him nicely in August. Patsey's bed fitted him nicely in August. In mid-September John Casey brought home in his milk cart a new bed. Two weeks later the footboard had to be taken out and row Patsey's feet hang a full foot away from the end of the bed.

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Reminiscences of an International Prize Fight in the Northwest.

AN AGREEMENT THAT DIDN'T WORK

The Fight Between Joe Lannon and the Manitoba Giant.

RINGING IN AN "UNKNOWN"

Written for The Evening Star.



IN THE DAYS when Col. William G. Il Sterett was sure that there was to be a prize fight at Dallas he held up all of his friends for reminiscences of the ring and he worked out a stories, which, served in a small cage with a turfed bottom. Yes up in his own inimitable style in the

Dallas News, made a good advertisement for the mill which the enterprising citizens of the Texas town were endeavoring to "pull off" between the big bruisers. The colonel got a number of stories ahead of the interference of the governor of Tex-as. He did not publish the history of the great international match which settled the dispute over the claims of the "New ancient and always-to-be rivals, the subjects of Queen Vic in the province of Manitoba, as to who possessed the champion puglist. Until that question was definitely puglist. Until that question was definitely determined the progress of the two sections was sadly interfered with.

The particular portion of the northwest agitated by the puglistic championship was the northern part of Minnesota and what is now North Dakota. In those days the farmers were raising forty bushels of wheat to the acre. Money was plenty and patriotism was at the top notch.

The Sporting Headquarters. Winnipeg was the headquarters of those who bore allegiance to a foreign potentate, while Grand Forks was the center for those who were protected by the stars and stripes. The boundary was about equally distant from the two towns, and that imaginary line separated two peoples almost alike, but who yet held the same animosities, kept up the same rivalry and contested with as much strength and vigor the various sports and games as do our eastern friends with their cousins across the water. Sometimes they would "do" us and sometimes we would have the best of them. But skating matches, putting the shot, and a dozen or more of the lighter sports got tame, and no sooner had slugging matches been inaugurated than each side began to hunt for a champion.

It is possible that this change was encouraged and fostered by John Barnes. John came to Grand Forks a light-weight pugillist. He brought many sluggers to town, white, black and yellow, but there was one man across the border that could "do" the best of them. distant from the two towns, and that im-

The Manitoba Giant. Ed. McEwoen, the "Manitoba Giant," kept the banner of St. George and St. An drew high above our heads in the realm of pugilism, and Manitoba taunted us in ou

But all the time Barnes was looking into the future. He disappeared for a week or more, and He disappeared for a week or more, and then flashed up with a "great unknown" and a challenge to fight for the championship of the northwest and Manitoba.

A match was arranged between Mc-Ewoen and the "unknown," who was none other than Joe Lannon, who has since gained some prominence as a fighter, but who was then really unknown in the west. The fight came off in a ring twelve feet of which was in the United States and twelve feet in Manitoba. It was but a preliminary skirmish. But little money was bet, and as Lannon proved the best man, Barnes got that little.

For the Championship Fight. tle, but McEwoen would rot put up his

But Barnes was foxy, and this is what was said to have occurred:
"What's the use," he asked McEwoen, one day, "of us sports going in to lose when we can make a winning? These Dakota

dubs will bet all they have on Joe. You come down to Grand Forks and fight. It will be a dead sure 'go,' and we will fight for \$500 a side, but the stuff needn't go up. Then there will be the gate money. Joe'll fight just as hard as I tell him to, and no harder. He'll be licked in five or six rounds. You and your friends can bet on you. See?"

you. See?"

So arrangements were finally completed. McEwoen told his friends that it was a dead-open-and-shut, and they were told to bet their money on him. He furnished his friends with all his morey to bet on himself, and thus encouraged, Manitoba money was freely offered and as quickly taken by the sports at the Forks.

A barge belenging to one of the steamboats was chartered. The sports were notified to get aboard, and when all crowded on the broad deck that it would hold it was pushed from the bank and floated down pushed from the bank and floated down the Red River of the North. Barnes ap-peared lik: a ticket seller at a circus, with peared like a ticket seller at a chicagon his little satchel strapped over his shoulder, and collected \$3 a head from all on

The barge soon ran ashore, and the crowd jumped off in the mud and clambered up the bank.

The International Contest.

The stakes were driven and the rope stretched, and the great international contest was about to begin. The men stepped into the ring in their gaudy trappings "Gentlemen, are you ready?" asked the referee.

The "gentlemen" were ready. "Shake hands," he commanded, prompted by Barnes, and echoed the word "time" from the same individual. The great international contest had be

For three minutes the "Great Unknown" For three minutes the "Great Unknown" made a punching bag of the "Manitoba Giant." The latter did nothing except to fight in a chicken-hearted manner, trying to avoid punishment.

When the round closed one of his seconds went over to see Barnes, and protested that the giant did not like the way things were going, and hinted that he thought all was not "on the square."

going, and hinted that he thought all was not "on the square."

"Tell the sucker to fight," answered Barnes. "We have got to give these fellows a show for their money, and if me man lays down and they lose their stuff in that way the town will not be big enough for me. Ain't the duffer got no sand?"

"Time!" and again the

Time!" and again the gladiators in skin-"Time!" and again the gladiators in skin-tight gloves sprang to their feet. McEwoen evidently thought he was getting the worst of the deal and was desperate. He rushed at Lannon and was hit hard and often, He clinched and threw his opponent to the round and struck him after he was down After taking more hard punishment he again clinched and threw his man and began pummellag him. It was a palpable foul, and Barnes insisted upon it. The ref-

eree allowed it.

"Give 1s the fight," said Barnes.

"Lannon wins the fight," said the referee.
The champion went to his corner. The great international contest was won. eree allowed it.

Turning on the Referee. Then ensued a most remarkable scene

McEwoen turned upon the referee and declared he had been duped. "Every dollar I had in the world was on this fight," said he, "and I have been done up. We had a fair and square agreement about this bus-iness, and you have played me for a sucker. But you'll never leave this ring alive!" He advanced toward the referee, his arms swinging like a windmill. The referee was a small man, but he was game. He turned very pale and began backing around the ring, at the same time pulling a gun from his hip pocket, which he pointed directly at

the big fellow. "I'll beck around this ring just once." he said, in a low voice.

McEwoen's pace was checked, and his friends corralled him and began getting him into his clothes. The referee slipped away quietly. The crowd disappeared in the woods and tramped for home.

Opinion was divided as to the claim of the Manitoba crowd that a hippodrome had been attempted and that Barnes had "whipsawed" the game. The fact that all of

sawed the game. The fact that all of Barnes' money was bet on Lannon and that his man had fought to win from the start was in his favon Besides, he had done nothing but what was square with the northwest sports. "If the sucker thought he was to have a hippodrome, what did he break in and foul Joe for?" he asked she was unable to attend to her household duties. Doctor after doctor prescribed for her and promised to restore her to health, but, finding no relief, she dismissed them and resorted to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, of which she had heard through a For weeks our town was flooded with Canadian money. The peculiar ragged ones, twos, threes and fives were on every hand. We had money to burn. It found its way back in the course of exchange, but they never got another whack at us in the sporting line. The entente cordiale had been too badly straired.

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Mr. Peter Hucht is one of the best-known retail grocers in Baltimore city. His place of business is at 1396 Pennsylvania avenue. From necessary close application to business Mr. Hucht had suffered for some time from constitution, which produced dys-pepsia and nervous affections. Physicians and their prescriptions were tried, but the diseases did not succumb to them, and the patient continued to was finally entirely cured. He is as healthy a man now as there is on the avenue, and a firm be-liever in Pink Pills as an indispensable household remedy. He said to a Herald reporter: "I used Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a few months ago for consti-pation and dyspepsia with such satisfactory results that I cheerfully and unbesitatingly recommend them to all persons suffering from similar com-plaints. I have some on hand now, and will not forget to take them if any symptoms of my recent troubles should reappear.'

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THINGS HEARD AND SEEN

Washington is the home of many valuable dogs. In fact, it was here that the canine race first received judicial recognition in this country, Judge MacArthur taking the initiative in declaring that dogs were property, which he did in a poetic opinion that should be framed and hung on the wall of every dog lover's home. Among the most remarkable animals in the United States is the pug Chill, belonging to Miss Raphael Ellis of 529 6th street northwest. Chill is probably the only dog that was ever educated to talk, and while his vocabulary is limited in extent, his annunciation of the word "mama" is perfect. All who have heard him recognize that it is not a bark, growl, or whine, but a distinct word. He is a thoroughbred pug, and possesses may remarkable attributes besides that of li remarkable attributes besides that of linguistic ability. His mistress is a niece of the well-known Mr. John Ennis, who lives in the same house. When the table is set for breakfast, Chill stands at the head with a tell beside him. When the housemaid says "Call Uncle John," Chill selzes the bell, climbs two sets of steps without stopping and going to the room of Mr. stopping, and going to the room of Mr. Ennis, rings the bell until he answers, when the dog returns to the dining room. There is a homely girl in a down-town of-

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around the body of his host about four times and held on. In vain the black snake sucked; he was like the boy that stood on the burning deck—he would not go. "H'm." said his snakeship, "this won't do. I can't digest you comfortably this way." And so he began to shorten himself and swell up in the middle, as an angle worm does when you put him on the hook. By this means he gained an inch or so, which he swallowed. Then, holding hard with his teeth, he lengthened out again and unwound some more of his dinner. Then he repeated the process again and igain till all but about eight inches of the little snake had gone in. The victim was very much alives till, and tried new tactics. He threw his tail around the black knake's neck in two or three folds. He was hahging out of his mouth at one corner, but of the way of his teeth, and the black snake had no purchase on him. With matters in that state it is a question of physiology whether the grass snake would have been digested or would have eaten up the black snake from the inside out. But the latter had evidently done that thing before and kniew a trick or two himself. He squirmed over to the side of the cage and rubbed his neck yigorously against the wires, loosening the krass snake necklace a mite. By sucking vigorously he got the advantage of this, and soon the last hold was broken and his victim slid into the depths, wriggling his tail defiantly as it disappeared. The process of entombment occupied twenty minutes. in beauty that people, when they see her are prompted to exclaim, "How very homeappeared. The process of entombment oc-cupied twenty minutes.

Not long after this the black snake was as frisky as ever, and no trace could be seen of his swallowed cousin, which was rather strange, as the small snake was all of two feet long and as big around as your thumb, while the black snake was but 4 1-2 feet long and not more than 1 1-2 inches in dily." There is something peculiarly sad litt'e difference to a man, but in a woman the love of the beautiful is so strong that a homely face is the worst affliction that slope?" queried a young lady who has just can befall her. I know the girl of whom I returned from a visit to California of a write, and her face is to her a constant source of pain. She loves flowers and bright ribbons and beautiful dresses as much as others of her sex can, but for her to try to wear such things is to make her ugliness stand out even more strongly by contrast, and she knows it. She never had a lover, although she is now nearly forty years old, but it is because men never really knew her. The life history of this girl is so beautiful, that, to me, she does not appear homely, for from her eyes, though deformed in shape, there are expressions of purity and self sacrifice that render her moon appear to be exceedingly whimsical watched it will be found that it is first deformed in shape, there are expressions of purity and self sacrifice that render her beaut ful. For twenty years she has been the only support of a father and mother. In the morning she would walk to the office from her home in Southeast Washington, and back again at night. It was nearly two miles, and sometimes it seemed as though she was too tired to ever reach her destination, but street cars cost nickels. Some day she hoped to have a home of her own, bought and paid for by the nickels she could save. There was a brother whom every one said was mentally bright, and he must have an education. So she toiled on, denying herself even the ordinary comforts of life; the brother was sent to college, and after his graduation commenced the practice of law in a southern town, where the responsibilities of a family require all that he can make, leaving the father and north and then south of the sun's path, and that it is sometimes east and sometimes west of that luminary. The last two motions are steady and regular, from east to west, carrying the moon in its endless swing around the heavens, starting at new moon near the sun and progressing until at full moon the whole visible portion of the sky separates the two bodies. After this there are two weeks in which the moon ing the sun from the other side, then, again apparently all of a sudden, it passes the sun and we behold a "new moon."

The north and south motions of the moon are entirely different. While performing its endless journey from west to east there are two special periods in which it either moves far northward or takes up its position low down in the south. In spring the he can make, leaving the father and mother still dependent upon the girl. The brother is now a judge, and the homely brother is now a judge, and the homely sister visited him a week last summer. She expected to stay a month, the only vacation she has taken in twenty years, but she returned in a week, why, she has rever said, and taking up the burden of life again, she went to her desk, there to remain until her beautiful spirit leaves its homely habitation. first motion is north, but afterward the general motion is reversed. In December you will note that the full moon occurs at the most northerly point in her course, and in June at the most southerly. This is why we have most light from the full moon of winter and least from that of summer. Obhomely habitation.

I was talking to a detective the other day,

and in the course of conversation asked him

dicate to us the path which the moon moves about the earth, and also shows us that that body in different parts of its orbit is at varying distances from the earth. This indicates that the moon's path is not a circle, but an elipse, having the earth in one of its foci. The moon being governed directly and held in position by the attraction of the earth, holds its primary movements in a path around our globe, but the attraction energy of the sun, and of the giant planets, perhaps, in a lesser degree, produces motions in the moon which may if it was not sometimes very hard for him to perform his duty. "Yes," he said, "in fact, there was one case in which I simply could not do it, and after finding the man I wanted reported that he had escaped me. He had, but not because I failed to find him, but on account of the environments in which he and I were placed. I was detailed to arrest an embezzler, and was soon upon a hot trail. In fact, I succeeded in taking the same train that he did, and spotted him at once. It was evident that he was returning to the town where he lived before coming to Washington, and I thought that to allow him to reach home before arresting him might enable me to recover a part of the stolen money that, I believed, he had sent home. When we reached the depot of the little country town, he was met by an old lady, who was almost too feeble to stand, and a young girl. It was as pathetic a meeting as I ever witnessed, and, knowing that he would not get away, I said nothing, and allowed them to go home, shadowing them to see where he lived. Then I went to the only hotel the place afforded, and in order to learn his standing there mentioned that he had come in on the train. I have never heard such unstinted praise of any man. There were several present, and each had some incident to tell of the noble character the young man possessed. I was astonished, but my duty was plain, and I started for the home to make was returning to the town where he lived sessed. I was astonished, but my duty was plain, and I started for the home to make the arrest and take him away on the night train. It was dark, and as I neared the gate, I stepped into a hole and sprained my ankle so badly that walking was impossible. I called for help and the young man responded. Taking me into his arms as though I was a child he carried me to the house and laid me upon a sofa. A doctor was summoned, and mother, sister and son vied with each other in efforts to make me comfortable. They refused to allow me to te taken to the hotel, and for ten days I remained in their parlor, each one doing te taken to the hotel, and for ten days I remained in their parlor, each one doing everything possible to hasten my recovery, never once inquiring who I was or my business there. I was suffering and needed to know. The second evening after my accident I heard the young man leading the little family in prayer. He made the very act for which it was my duty to arrest him the subject of his supplication, recounting that the money was missing and that the responsibility rested upon him; 

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that it had been abstracted, and that his good name was tarnished, and he closed with a prayer that God would in some way bring about the discovery of the really guilty party and the exoneration of himself. The next day the mother told me all about it, and the trouble it was giving them, then the son took me into his confidence and said that the money was in the safe when he last counted it, that it was not there when the books were balanced, and no one else had access to the safe. When I left, it was with the warm friendship of that famwas with the warm friendship of that famwas with the warm friendship of that family. The evidence against the young man was conclusive, but I do not believe he stole that money, and I would not find his whereabouts officially for any amount of money, although I know exactly where he is. Some day, it may be, he will be exonerated. I don't know."

In the lobbies of the leading hotels can be seen a man of tall, commanding presence, with a dress suit very shiny and shabby and a silk hat from which the silk has been brushed off. No one knows where he cats or sleeps, and no one seems to care. Those those who have never met him endure him and give him an occasional drink, for they can see that at one time he was not a rounder. It has not been very many years ago ing, often vainly, to secure liquor, was an honored member of Congress. He was not especially prominent, but during his official life he occupied a respectable standing as a law-maker. It is a story that is not new, but has not often been told, for there are not many examples so plain. When he came to Washington he was accustomed to drinking moderately. He never drank to excess, for he knew that his was not a temperament that could stand it, and he prided himself upon being able to stop when he wanted to. And so he could in the small city where he practiced law, but when he came to Washington there were so many whose influence he wanted and so many old friends from his own district, who expected him to act the part of host when they came here, that it was not long before the limitations he had set upon himself were thrown aside, and by was not long before the limitations he had set upon himself were thrown aside, and by the close of his term, being defeated for reelection, his law practice was gone and he returned to Washington as a lobbyist. In this he was never successful, for his drinking habits had then become too firmly fixed, and now he haunts the hotels, his only hope being that his past position nay secure enough liquor for him in the present to drown all thought of the future or recollection of his fall from what he once was.

tion of his fall from what he once was. "Ever been overland to the Pacific the Rocky mountains is just grand, and that you can hear the slightest noise for a great distance. Then the railroads have such obliging and gentlemanly conductors -always so ready to give reliable informa-

"I'm in the mountains, where the railread circles around, almost making perfect lcops in some of its windings, I was riding lcops in some of its windings, I was riding in the observation car, at the rear end of the train, and at one place I saw a train coming close behind us. Asking the conductor what train that was, he replied:

"That's our train. When trains first commenced running over the mountains here, two engines were usually required to haui the cars, but the company had to cut down expenses, so they ordered the engineers to put on a little more speed when they reached the loops and catch up with their own trains. That lecomotive will hitch on this car, directly, and push us up

hitch on this car, directly, and push us up over the mountain." "Few of us ever achieve the ambitions of our boyhood," said a well-known lawyer to a Star reporter. "Now, I have a friend who, when he was growing up, had a yearn-

ing desire to be a railroad engineer. When a mere baby, he liked no toy so well as a a mere baby, he liked no toy so well as a train of cars, and no game suited him at school like that of being an engine and have boys clinging to each other's coats for cars. It was his hobby by day and his dream by night, but he could not obtain a railroad position when he left school, and became a clerk, and, subsequently, a merchant, but he has never felt satisfied at not being able to follow his natural bent, so, realizing that it was too late in life to ever for cars. It was his hobby by day and his dream by night, but he could not obtain a railroad position when he left school, and became a clerk, and, subsequently, a mer-chant, but he has never felt satisfied at not being able to follow his natural bent, so.

become an engineer, he wrote me a few days ago that he had bought a railroad, and could ride in an engine, if he wanted

There is a merchant in an Ohio town whom to name would be adding insult to injury after his experience in Washington a few days ago. He is locally known at constantly repeating the maxim, "Honesty is the best policy." In fact, it appears upon his business cards and wrapping paper, while he carries it out in all of his business week, and going to a hotel, changed his clothing. Then he started out to view the

clothing. Then he started out to view the city, and, it occurring to him that he had not been shaved for a week, he entered a barber shop and took a chair. One cheek had been deprived of the hirsute growth when it dawned upon the merchant that he had left his money in his other clothes.

"My friend," he said, "I have just discovered that I have changed my trousers and left my pocketbook at the hotel. You will have to trust me until I go and get the money when you get through." The barber did not say a word. He washed the lather off the unshaved side of the man's face, pointed to a sign, "No credit," and the honest man created a sensation as he walked down the street.

Senator John M. Palmer of Illinois is one of the quickest men at repartee who ever appeared upon the stump. After he had was making a democratic speech at Hoopeston, and in the course of his argument instanced several men, notably ex-Serator Lyman Trumbull, who had left the republicans and gone into the democration fold, giving their reasons for so doing, when a voice from the audience asked:

"Why did John M. Palmer flop?"
"Well, my friend," rejoined the general,
"I don't exactly know, but I have heard it
said that John M. Palmer turned through

pure cussedness."
The applause was almost deafening. They tell a good story about a man who formerly represented a southern district in Congress, but who is now a judge. He is in the habit of going on sprees, and several times has been on the verge of delirium tremens, a malady that he has always feared. Upon one of these occasions he slept in a room in a hotel where the landlord had a

There were two beds in the room, and in of the Congressman's sleeping apartment was awakened by a noise. Looking to see what it was, he discerned the statesman sitting up in bed, with a boot in his hand. Upon the foot of the bed was the pet monkey. In tones of extreme fright the Congressman addressed the animal: "If you are a monk the Lord have mercy upon you. If you are not a monk the Lord have mercy upon me." He hurled the boot; there was a howl from the monkey, a sigh of relief from the Congressman and a moment later he was snoring peacefully. he was snoring peacefully.

Col. Wm. A. Roebling and wife of Trenton, N. J., were in Washington the other day, and remained over night on their way to the Atlanta exposition. Mrs. Roebling is president of the Georgetown Convent Alumnae Association, which will meet in Atlanta on the 23d. Col. Roebling is the man who built the Brooklyn bridge, an engineering project which surpassed anything of the kind that had ever been attempted up to that time. Although in poor health, he takes an active interest in public affairs. He was a delegate to the last republican national convention, at Minneapolis. Col. Roebling served all through the war in the Army of the Potomac, and yet he has neverbeen in Washington since the close of that eventful struggle. That the change was remarkable he acknowledged, yet he was

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